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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir,

Responsive to the Final Office action dated April 28, 2008, Applicants hereby submit:

a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

an amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are patentable over the cited prior art and request reconsideration and allowance of the present claims for the following reasons.